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NASHVILLE—Tennessee's unemployment rate increased slightly in June to 4.3 percent, up two-tenths of a percentage point.

Over the year, the state continued to show positive job growth with the addition of 14,500 jobs across Tennessee, Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Michael E. Magill announced today.

"The employment picture remains steady this summer," Magill reported. "The May-to-June figures are reflecting seasonal shifts related to school ending and the tourism season kicking into gear."

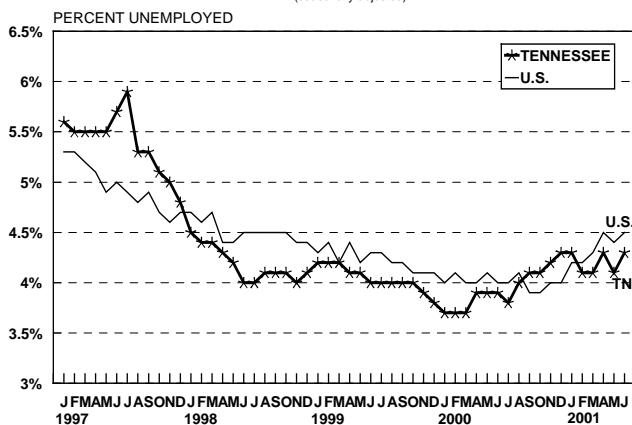
Tennessee's unemployment rate continues to be below the national average, which registered 4.5 percent. In June of 2000, the U.S. rate was 4.0 percent while Tennessee had a 3.9 percent jobless rate.

Record level employment was set in several industries including services at 771,800 and construction at 133,200.

A breakdown of non-farm jobs from May to June shows that 8,500 jobs were added in services, with most of the growth in amusement/recreation and business services. Trade was up by 3,600 and construction added 1,700 due to seasonal increases. Over the month, state/local government lost 12,700 jobs with seasonal declines in student workers as well as jobs connected to public school systems.

The June 2000 to June 2001 figures show that employment increased in services by 18,800 jobs. Trade added 12,300 and construction was up by 3,500. Declines in jobs took place in non-durable goods manufacturing with continued losses in apparel, furniture/fixtures, and industrial machinery/equipment. Federal government also decreased over the year by 3,400 due to the loss of census workers.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - U.S. & TENNESSEE**  
**JANUARY 1997 - PRESENT**  
(seasonally adjusted)



## LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES SUMMARY - TENNESSEE

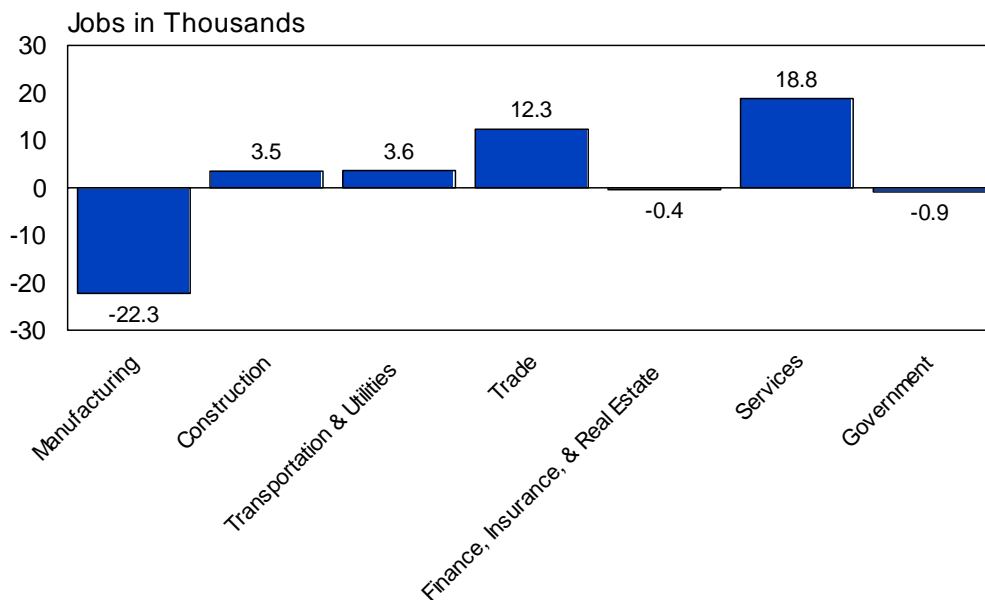
June 2001 (preliminary) - BM2000

Seasonally Adjusted	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate		Rate Change
				Jun.	May	
UNITED STATES	141,354,000	134,932,000	6,422,000	4.5 %	4.4 %	0.1 %
TENNESSEE	2,865,100	2,742,800	122,300	4.3	4.1	0.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted						
UNITED STATES	142,685,000	135,923,000	6,762,000	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6 %
TENNESSEE	2,894,800	2,762,500	132,300	4.6	3.6	1.0

## OVER THE YEAR JOB GROWTH

By Major Industry (June 2000-2001)



**County and MSA rates will be released on Thursday, July 26, 2001.**

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**NOTE:** Information will be available on the Internet; enter "[http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor\\_figures](http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures)." Sound may be obtained from the Governor's NewsLine at 1-800-342-1483 or Nashville area 741-4877.

**NOTE:** Tennessee's employment and unemployment statistics are based on two major surveys. The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a survey by place of residence providing estimates on the number of people in the labor force, total employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate. Beginning in January 1992, the CPS data are seasonally adjusted for all states as directed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The business survey collects data by place of work and creates information about jobs in various industries. The business survey data are non-seasonally adjusted at this time.

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